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FROM THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, UY

SUBJ: TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR OFFICE OF  
SECURITY ASSISTANCE

REF: STATE 224915 (110119Z SEP 76)

1. I HAVE CAREFULLY REVIEWED TERMS OF REFERENCE  
CONTAINED REFTEL WHICH APPEAR ADEQUATE AND REASONABLE  
TO ME. SEVERAL QUESTIONS I HAVE APPEAR LATER IN THIS  
MESSAGE.

2. RE PARA FIVE REFTEL, I RECOMMEND THAT THREE  
OFFICERS BE ASSIGNED TO MONTEVIDEO TO PERFORM THE  
CONTINUING SECURITY ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENT HERE.  
SUBJECT TO HOST COUNTRY FORMAL CONCURRENCE, I RECOMMEND  
THAT INITIALLY THE OFFICE BE STAFFED BY TWO AIR FORCE  
OFFICERS (ONE COLONEL O-6 AND ONE LT. COL. O-5)  
AND ONE ARMY OFFICER (MAJOR O-4). EHHS STAFFING  
PATTERN PROVIDES FOR AN OFFICE CHIEF WITH THOSE  
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FUNCTIONS AND OTHERS, ANOTHER AIR FORCE OFFICER

WITH RESPONSIBILITIES FOR TRI-SERVICE TRAINING MATTERS PLUS MANAGEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT AIR FORCE PROGRAMS IN BEING (SPECIFICALLY A-37, UH 1B AND T-34 PURCHASES), AND THIRD OFFICER TO PROVIDE LOGISTICS ADVISORY SUPPORT ON TRI-SERVICE BASIS. IN SECOND STAGE BEGINNING AUGUST 1977, AIR FORCE LT. COL. WOULD BE REPLACED BY A NAVY COMMANDER (O-5) PREFERABLY WITH LOGISTICS BACKGROUND. IF THIS PROPOSED INITIAL STAFFING IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO HOST COUNTRY, THEN I WOULD RECOMMEND A THREE-OFFICER STAFF WITH TRI-SERVICE REPRESENTATION, I.E. AN AIR FORCE O-6, AN ARMY O-5 AND NAVY O-5. WITH SUPPORT TO OFFICE TO BE PROVIDED THROUGH FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SYSTEM, EMBASSY FORESEES NO PROBLEMS WITH COMMUNICATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR WHICH IT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE.

3. OFFICE OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE DOES NOT TRANSLATE WELL INTO SPANISH AND IN FACT COULD CREATE MISCONCEPTIONS OF OFFICE'S ROLE HERE. I THEREFORE RECOMMEND FOR LOCAL USE THAT UNIT BE DESIGNATED OFFICE OF DEFENSE ASSISTANCE WHICH FITS IN WELL BUT STILL DIFFERENTIATES IT FROM DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE.

4. IN VIEW OF 2 FAM 324.4 WHICH ESTABLISHES PRECEDENCE PROCEDURES FOR TRADITIONAL MILITARY ATTACHES, WHERE IS IT INTENDED THAT SECURITY ASSISTANCE ADVISORS WILL FIT WITHIN THE MEBASSY HIERARCHY FOR PURPOSES OF RANK AND PRECEDENCE AND WHAT TITLE(S) WILL BE USED TO REPORT THEM TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY?

5. ACTION REQUESTED. (A) THAT MY RECOMMENDATION FOR A THREE-MAN UNIT AS OUTLINED IN PARA TWO BE APPROVED; (B) APPROVAL TO USE DESIGNATION HERE OF OFFICE OF DEFENSE ASSISTANCE; AND (C) CLARIFICATION OF DIPLOMATIC STATUS AS POSED PARA FOUR.

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